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Excess snow days may impact schools

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

> *We shouldn't need to add any time or days to the school year.*

As superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools, Peter Kudlak doesn't take school inclement weather closing days lightly. His district has had 12 closed days this year for various reasons, some due to building power outages.

"Everything had something to do with the weather," said Kudlak. "We have 88 square miles. We have a lot of dirt roads in Sumpter Township."

He and other Van Buren Schools leaders haven't yet decided on possible makeup days later, with Kudlak noting the state requires 180 student days and 1,098 instructional hours per year.

"As of right now, we'd have to make up three days," said Kudlak, who cited Good Friday as one option. "For us, the worst part of it was the ice," when school buses are hard to operate. "If that would have fallen as snow I think we would have been all right," he noted.

Additional June days for students and staff in Van Buren could happen, although he and others note the state may forgive additional days due to this extremely harsh winter.

"So far, we've had seven snow days," said Janet Naughton, communications specialist for Northville Public Schools. She noted the state is likely to add three additional days to the standard six "forgiven" from Lansing already.

"We shouldn't need to add any time or days to the school year," said Naughton. "We do have some dirt roads. Mileage-wise, we're not a huge district but it still can be treacherous."

Naughton and others stress school closing decisions are made early and with careful deliberation focused on student and staff safety. TV and radio stations continue to air school closings and there are phone and email alerts, although the

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Canton firefighters battled an apartment fire last Friday night with two aerial ladder trucks spanning 75 and 100 feet. A total of 16 firefighters and four paramedics were on the scene for 6 hours and 15 minutes. Photo by Matt Zmuda

Apartment blaze displaces 8 Canton families

A fast-spreading fire at the Canton Crossings apartment complex last week displaced eight families and sent one woman to the hospital with smoke inhalation, according to fire officials.

Firefighters responded to the first alarm at 6:18 p.m. on Friday, March 8 within 7 minutes, according to Canton Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein.

The blaze caused serious damage to one building in the complex which is located south of Joy Road near I-275 in the township. Stoecklein said that the cause of the fire was accidental and could have been the result of someone burning incense.

Firefighters from Canton were assisted by units from Plymouth Township, Northville, Van Buren Township, Livonia, Dearborn Heights and Garden City.

"When we arrived, the fire was already through the roof. We immediately took the

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Charges prompt contract review in Romulus

Romulus officials are looking into the city contract with Realty Transition after the company name surfaced recently in a corruption probe involving the City of Taylor.

Federal investigators raided the office of the real estate firm along with the home of the owner in the wake of an investigation into potential wrongdoing in Taylor, an investigation that prompted an additional raid at Taylor City Hall as well as two residences owned by Mayor Rick Sollars.

No charges have been filed and all agencies are cooperating with the investigation, according to reports from law enforcement agencies. Sollars has said he was innocent of any wrongdoing, and is also cooperating. Romulus is not part of the investigation.

Even so, Romulus officials decided to look at their own contract with the firm.

"This is more of a proactive step," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff.

Romulus City Attorney Steve Hitchcock said his office was reviewing the contract and all activities of the firm in the city.

"I don't have any reason to believe there's any issues with it, but we're going to sort through it from one to the other to make sure that's the case," he said.

Realty Transition partners with municipalities to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes. They purchase the homes at a discounted rate-often the sum of any back taxes owed-rehabilitate them and put them back on the market. The partnership allows cities to proactively clean up blighted properties and get them back on the tax rolls.

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Suspect arrested in series of arsons

A man long suspected in several vehicle fires has been arrested and charged with arson in a series of blazes including two at a strip center at Inkster and Cherry Hills roads in Inkster.

Surveillance video of the Feb. 3 blaze at the Inkster strip mall which destroyed five businesses shows a tall man pour gas from a plastic container outside the building and then throw a match onto the fuel, instantly igniting a blaze that subsequently destroyed businesses in the mall.

The surveillance tape also shows the suspect running through an alley to flee the scene.

Nicholas Diedo, 35, of Dearborn Heights, is facing federal charges of maliciously destroying a building used in interstate commerce by means of fire, or arson in the incident.

Federal investigators said that tips led them to Diedo who is also suspected of igniting a fire at the same strip mall last April. In that instance, a surveillance video shows a man pouring an accelerant from an orange Tide bottle onto the outside of the building and then igniting it with a flare, according to federal investigators.

They added that Diedo is also a suspect in a fire set in his next door neighbor's BMW in June of last year. Investigators said police reports reveal that between April 15 and 22 of 2018, five vehicles parked at residences within a mile of Diedo's home were deliberately set on fire. Diedo is also a suspect in the fires in two other vehicles in December of 2016 which took place at a strip mall on Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, also

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Nicholas Diedo

Plymouth

Grant funds firefighter laundry equipment

Keeping the fire turnout gear at the Northville Community Fire Department Plymouth Station clean just got a whole lot easier.

The Margaret Dunning Foundation provided a $20,600 grant for the purchase of a washer and dryer specifically designed to clean the gear after it has been used by firefighters responding to a fire.

"Turnout gear should be washed after every fire," said Captain Jim Davison.

"Products of combustion can be cancer causing, and gear used in a fire is considered contaminated."

In the past, firefighters hauled the used gear to the City of Northville station to be washed, then hung it to dry, a process that took days. The new washer can handle six pieces at a time, as can the dryer, shortening the process to a few hours.

"This is a huge help for the department," said Davison. "It keeps our turnout gear in service in the event that we need it again quickly. There's never enough money in the budget for things like this, so we are very grateful to the Dunning Foundation for making it possible."

The Margaret Dunning Foundation was founded by Ms. Dunning in 1997. Ms. Dunning was a successful business woman, philanthropist and civic booster who lived in Plymouth from the age of 10 until her death in 2013 at age 103. She was a major supporter of many Plymouth nonprofits, including the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Society.

Aladdin

Young actors will present classic

A whole new world of magic and wonder awaits audience members in downtown Plymouth this weekend as Forever After Productions presents the youth theater version of "Aladdin Jr."

In six performances from March 14 through 17, a cast of nearly 90 children and teens from Plymouth, Canton and surrounding communities will present the Disney musical, suitable for all ages.

The 90-minute show features one intermission and will transform the stage of the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) Playhouse into the desert kingdom of Agrabah, with the help of parent volunteers who have created the scenery and costumes. The production is the story of Aladdin, the street urchin turned into a prince by a fast-talking genie, who clashes with the evil sorcerer Jafar and wins the heart of the Princess Jasmine.

Ticket prices are $10 for each general admission seat and are available at www.iheartforeverafter.org or by calling Forever After Productions at (734) 547-5156.

The young cast includes dozens of elementary, middle and high school students who have rehearsed since December for the performances.

"While everyone loves the movie's familiar songs and characters, this show adds even more to the story, while never losing the message about the importance of authenticity over appearances," said director Sarah Chapman of Canton.

The show has evening performances at 7 tonight, March 14, and Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16. Matinee performances are set for 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

Performances of Aladdin Jr. will include nearly 90 young actors from throughout the community beginning tonight at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

All shows are at PARC, at 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth, with free parking available behind the building off Adams Street.

Aladdin Jr is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Builder plans homes on former Bathey land

The Bathey property in the City of Plymouth is $1 million closer to construction of 76 homes on the site.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission approved a grant of $1 million and a loan of $1 million from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality during their regular meeting last week for the development of the long-vacant property on Mill Street.

The 76 attached, single-family townhome development is being constructed by Pulte of Michigan and will include remediation of any contamination found at the former industrial site. The property is in need of significant environmental remediation and clean up due to the former use of chemicals in industrial production at the site, according to studies conducted by both the city and state.

> "The property is in need of significant environmental remediation..."

Pulte representatives are currently developing a Brownfield plan for the site, officials said, and hope to begin construction this year.

Community project is planned

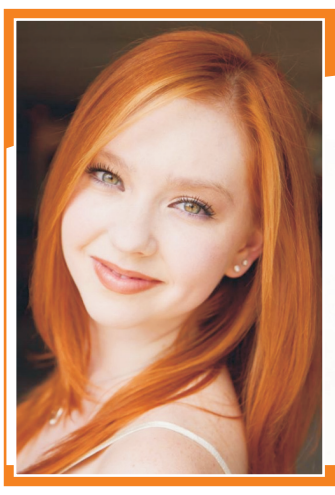
The fourth annual Greater Plymouth/Canton Service Project to benefit the Kids Coalition Against Hunger and local food pantries is set for May 11.

As in past years, volunteers with gather to pack dried food packages at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St. in downtown Plymouth.

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a humanitarian food relief organization with a mission to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and worldwide. The food packages food offer complete, balanced nutrition requiring only boiling water to serve.

On May 11, volunteers will choose a shift: 8:30-11 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 12:30 to 3 p.m. For information on volunteer signup, contact Beth Meade at bmeade@cantonfoundation.org or via phone, (734) 495-1200.

The goal this year is to package 250,000 meals that day. Kids Coalition Against Hunger website is www.kidscoalitionagainsthunger.org.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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Local woman leads 'Giving Hope' charity group

In Christina Bair's world, giving begins at home, in her family and the local community. This passion has inspired the Canton Township resident to focus her philanthropic energy on the Plymouth Canton Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

"I joined Giving Hope in 2015 after attending the group's signature event - Give the Kids a Bed - that supported First Step," said Bair. (The event raised $13,000 for First Step).

This year she takes the reins of the organization as chair of the group advisory board.

Bair believes that nonprofits can help create great change for the good of a community and understands it requires rallying individual resources to make it happen.

She's convinced that Giving Hope is the organization that can do just that.

"I was inspired by the women of Giving Hope who had worked on this event supporting other women and young children from our community that were in need."

Women of like-mind and multiple talents combining forces is a key in forging change, she said.

"I wanted to be a part of the organization's planning process and the philanthropic efforts to support women and children. I like the fundamental tenant of Giving Hope that the funds stay in our community to support those in need, that an endowment had been established for future needs, and the opportunity of philanthropic collaboration with other women who share a like -minded interest of community," added Bair.

> *I have always found it to be important to be involved in my community - supporting community-based programs...*

Bair has served as chair of the group special events committee and also helped plan issue-oriented programs. These included a 2017 panel discussion to raise awareness about human trafficking and in 2018 a community conversation on mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Bair and other members of the special events committee also organized an educational expo for local nonprofits in 2017 to highlight their message to residents and businesses in the Plymouth and Canton communities.

Her focus on local philanthropy is an extension of her passion for family.

"My passion has always been my family. I have always found it to be important to be involved in my community - supporting community-based programs that benefit our schools, the arts, and those members of our community that are in need," she said.

Bair and her husband, Derek, have been married for more than 30 years. Derek Bair, MD is the director of neonatology at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn. The couple has two adult children, Emily, who holds a master's in public health and nutritional science from the University of Michigan and Nicholas, an artist who has exhibited throughout the metro area.

Christina Bair was born in North Carolina and grew up in southern Ohio. She graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education and taught in Houston.

"When my children were younger I supported the schools either directly by being in the classrooms or outside by supporting the district at local, county, and state levels.

"My son, Nicholas is an artist so I have always supported the arts. I am a member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council and served for three years as a board member."

She also enjoys singing and has participated in various chorale groups most recently the American Cancer Society Canton-Plymouth Relay for Life Cabaret which raised $20,000 for the American Cancer Society. In 2018, the cabaret raised nearly $14,000.

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle marks its 13th year in 2019 and Bair in cooperation with the board will examine how the group moves forward.

It will be a year of reflection, explained Bair.

"The advisory board along with the membership will look at what we have accomplished and where we see the organization going forward."

Joining Bair on the advisory board are Eva Davis, Linda Demmer, Michelle Farell, Sharon Fillips, Denise Murray, Dianne Neihengen, Joan Noricks, Jackie Norris, Susan Rosiek, Dian Slavens and Jane Vesche.

Expanding membership is key in meeting community needs, she said.

"We would like to expand our membership of women that are interested in supporting local philanthropy but just as important we need to continue assessing what our community needs are - the greater Plymouth-Canton community has grown in size and diversity since Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle was created."

Giving Hope currently has 75 members including attorneys, accountants, business owners, a library director, homemakers, nonprofit leaders, retirees, educators and women currently serving in local government.

Christina Bair

Bair explained that beyond the financial support that Giving Hope provides, "it is also committed to educating our community on important issues (i.e., human trafficking, suicide prevention). Educational offerings are open to the public providing practical information for the community and how members of the community can support efforts to improve outcomes in the community via philanthropic endeavors, volunteering and more."

Bair said she and the advisory board look forward to hearing from women throughout the community on how Giving Hope can have an even more powerful impact. Visit the Giving Hope link at www.cantonfoundation.org, email at GivingHopeWGC@gmail.com, call (734) 495-1200 or on Facebook for more information.

Schools

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Director of Communications Nicholas Brandon noted newer technology gets the word out, too.

Plymouth-Canton officials push notification through the district mobile app that "has given us pretty much instant communication. We're able to get the word out in a matter of minutes," said Brandon.

A non-official Plymouth-Canton parent Facebook discussion group helps, too. "We're grateful for their involvement. It's challenging for everyone" when a school day is called off, noted Brandon.

The Plymouth-Canton district has experienced six snow days this school year, so no makeups are yet required.

"We're feeling very good about it considering it's early March," said Brandon. He, too, anticipates if one or two more closed school days are needed, a state of emergency status from Lansing would occur.

"This winter has been challenging," added Brandon, noting snow, ice and extreme cold have each canceled Plymouth-Canton classes this school year.

Educators hope the next school year is "kinder" when it comes to weather. "It's been an unusual year for us. Hopefully next year is better," said Kudlak.

Jenny Johnson, communications director for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, noted, "Wayne-Westland is not at the point where we will have to make up snow days so our calendar will not have to be adjusted," as of March 6.

In the Romulus Community Schools District, too, no make up days will so far be necessary as the district has experienced only six snow days so far this year, within the state allotment.

Clarification

In a story last week, Plymouth Township Clerk Jerry Vorva was erroneously referred to as Plymouth Township Treasurer.

The Eagle regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2019 for the following:

ZERO TURN COMMERCIAL MOWERS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

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DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 1, 2019 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

HAYDEN'S MULTI-TENANT SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A MULTI-TENANT BUILDING AS REQUIRED IN SECTIONS 6.08D.1 (GENERAL OFFICE), 6.08D.2 (MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINICS), 6.08D.11(TRAINING/EDUCATION CENTER), 6.08D.17 (STANDARD BAR/RESTAURANT WITH CONVENIENCE PICKUP WINDOW), 6.08D.19 (SPECIALTY RETAIL/BUSINESS SERVICES/PERSONAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS) AND 6.08D.20 (GENERAL RETAIL) FOR PARCEL NO. 049 99 0001 704 (39895 FORD). Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Lotz Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 28, 2019 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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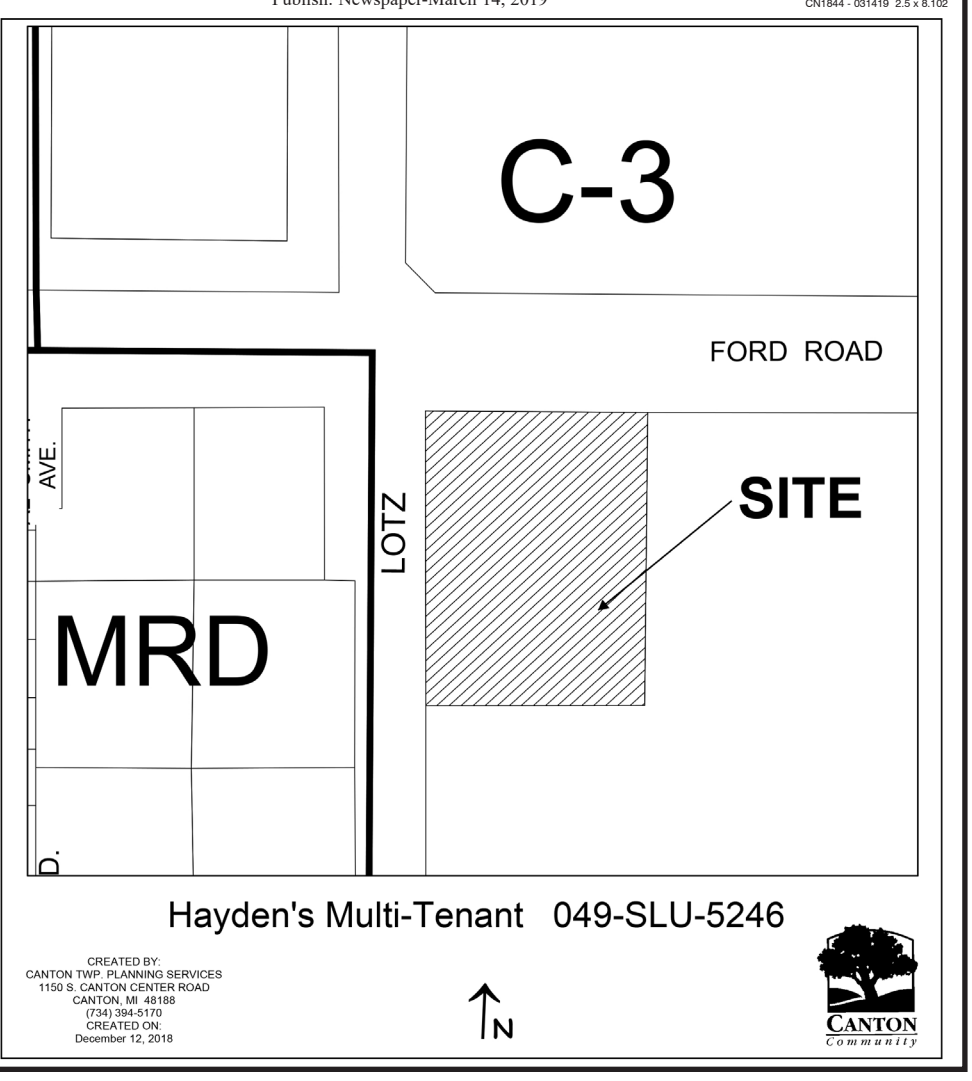

Inkster

Teen facing murder charges in shooting

A 16-year-old is facing murder charges in the shooting death of an Inkster teen last month.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Daylon Jamar Wooten, 16, of Dearborn Heights in connection with the homicide of James Newman, 17, of Inkster.

According to reports from the prosecutor's office, Wooten was in the 24700 block of Lehigh in Dearborn Heights with Newman at about 1:30 a.m. Feb. 26 when the two men had a dispute. Both were armed with handguns, according to official reports of the incident. Prosecutors allege that Wooten fatally shot Newman during the heated confrontation.

Newman was transported to a local hospital by two men at the scene and was later pronounced dead.

"Aspects of the case remain under investigation and no further details will be given at this time," according to the prosecutor's statement.

Wooten has been charged with second-degree murder, possession of a stolen firearm, carrying a concealed weapon and felony firearm

Wooten has been charged as "adult designated" which means that if he is convicted of the homicide, the judge has the discretion of sentencing him as a juvenile, as an adult , or if the sentence will be a combined juvenile and adult sentence.

Wooten was remanded to the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility following a preliminary court hearing on the charges last Wednesday. A preliminary court examination on the charges was scheduled for today before Wayne County Circuit Court Edward Joseph.

Security appointment

Inkster Police Chief William T. Riley, right, was appointed last week by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to serve on the Michigan Intelligence Operations Center for Homeland Security Advisory Board. The Intelligence Operation Center is tasked with collecting, evaluating and analyzing information to identify and address threats of terrorism or criminal activity. Riley, whose term will last until April 2020, was chosen to represent local police departments and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster), left, said he was strongly in favor of the appointment. "Growing up in Inkster and serving as a reserve police officer for the city, I've had the distinct honor to work with Chief Riley for many years. He has always held deep-seated respect and understanding for the people he serves, as anyone who knows him will tell you. The people of Michigan can rest assured that there is no person more qualified to work with state and local officials to keep our families safe." Archive photo courtesy of House Democrats

Fires

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within a mile of his home, investigators said.

Diedo was arrested in March last year when he was suspected of stealing license plates from vehicles and was charged with forgery, a felony, officials said.

When members of the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), and police from both Inkster and Dearborn Heights executed a search warrant at Diedo's home last week, a list of evidence implicating him was discovered, according to police. Officers discovered clothing matching that shown in the surveillance videos, a Molotov cocktail, plastic jugs matching those shown in the surveillance videos, Gatorade bottles filled with gasoline and bricks tied to ropes in a manner used to assist in throwing the brick.

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Notice of Public Hearing

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MI
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPLICATION NO.: 2324-1118

APPLICATION: Text Amendment to the Charter Township of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by Amending Article VI: R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, One Family Residential Districts, section 6.4: Development Requirements

PROPOSED ACTION: Consideration and Recommendation of a Text Amendment to Article VI: R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, One Family Residential Districts, section 6.4: Development Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance No. 99

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, Town Hall Meeting Room, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth is considering a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, No. 99, to Article VI: R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S, R-1, One Family Residential Districts, section 6.4: Development Requirements, as related to fence standards, at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. This includes consideration of an increase to the maximum height of protective and security fencing, material standards, definitions, maintenance, appearance of fences and the like.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the application to Plymouth Township Hall, to the attention of Clerk Jerry Vorva. Pertinent information relative to the application is on file at Plymouth Township Clerk's Office and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB ITB 18/19-29 TWO YEAR PRICING - GRAVEL, SAND, AND LIMESTONE
ITB 18/19-26 THREE YEAR AS NEEDED CONCRETE REPAIR
ITB 18/19-30 TWO YEAR GRASS/WEED CUTTING CONTRACT
FOR ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **4/2/2019**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 25, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.
Excused: William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-042 2A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-043 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 11, 2019 – closed session, attorney opinion; and open session, City Quarterly Investment Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Talley. **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner
4. Chairperson's Report
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report
Mayor Burcroff read and presented a proclamation to recognize Dave and Judy Rakotz on their 50th anniversary of conducting business as Dave's Barber Shop in the City of Romulus. Councilwoman Abdo read a resolution on behalf of City Council congratulating Dave and Judy Rakotz and to also recognize their many contributions to this community. Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.
19-044 5A1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Roscoe** concur with the administration and authorize the purchase of the V-Viper 911 system (including all related hardware and software) and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into both the five year software support/maintenance contract and the four year equipment maintenance contract for the PSAP from the sole source provider AT&T/West at an initial cost of $141,631. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-045 5A2. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the extension of contracts for the software maintenance/support contract and for the equipment maintenance contract, following their initial contract terms, until such time that the equipment is replaced. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-046 5B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a contract for services not to exceed $57,799.23 with Quandel Consultants for evaluation of the existing conditions and make recommendations regarding possible solutions as specified in RFP 18/19-18 for the CSX railroad crossings shared by the City of Romulus and Huron Township. Councilwoman Abdo asked if the City will be reimbursed and Mayor Burcroff said yes – by SEMCOG. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-047 5C. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a contract for the 2019 pavement marking program with P.K. Contracting, Inc. for pavement marking services with the same terms and conditions and pricing of the previous bid to R.S. Contracting (acquired by P. K. Contracting). Terms of the contract to expire on September 30, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-048 5D. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize a one-year extension of Bid ITB 15/16-18, contractual services agreement with Environmental Testing & Consulting for the pricing and terms of the original contract for hazardous materials testing of residential, commercial, and industrial properties to be demolished. Terms of the contract extension will be through May 15, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-049 5E. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and amend the current contract with George W. Auch Company, the City's Construction Manager for the court project, by an additional $499,798 for all of the sub-contracted trade work. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-050 5F. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 18/19-22 to pay the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis annual dues at the beginning of the calendar year.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Tax Increment Financing Authority				
Expense				
297-728-807.000	Membership & Dues	25,000	25,000	50,000
Fund Balance				
297-000-390.000	Fund Balance	1,015,235	(25,000)	990,235

To pay the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis annual dues at the beginning of the calendar year. (This is an adjustment to the timing of the annual payment.)
Mayor Burcroff brought up the news regarding a neighboring community who the City of Romulus shares a common vendor for rehabilitation of homes – and he asked City Attorney Steve Hitchcock to speak about the matter. Mr. Hitchcock said that he and HR Director, Kevin Losen, will be reviewing the contract with Realty Transitions; and, at this point he does not see any issues with the contract. He also mentioned that campaign contributions are fine as long as they are in accordance with the State Campaign Finance laws. He informed that there is currently no work scheduled with Realty Transitions for 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report
19-051 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve second reading, final adoption of Budget Amendment 18/19-21, Court Debt Service Fund, which was introduced at the Council meeting of February 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-052 6A2. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to schedule a study session for Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for the State of the Library Address by City Librarian Patty Braden. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, informed that the last day to pay 2018 taxes at city hall is Thursday, February 28, 2019. Starting March 1st the 2018 taxes will have to be paid at Wayne County.
7. Public Comment
A resident spoke about the kindness she was shown by Dave and Judy Rakotz many years ago when her father was ill. She also complimented the roads crew from the City DPW Department for the great job they did keeping the roads plowed during the recent snow and ice storms. Oscar D. Arbulu, Legislative Case Worker, from Congresswoman Tlaib's office gave an update of what the congresswoman is working on at the current time and encouraged anyone who has a question or concern to contact him at 313-938-2340. Freman Hendrix advised that he represents the citizens of Romulus on the Great Lakes Water Authority Board and the Regional Transit Authority Board.
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
Councilwoman Williams informed of a program the City of Detroit has regarding properties for first-time homebuyers. Mayor Burcroff said his intent is to get families in homes and would be open to any information presented to him.
10. Communication
Councilwoman Talley spoke about the success of the soul food dinner.
19-053 10A. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Cynthia Cole. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
19-054 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-04 in the amount of $1,982,524.79. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 25, 2019.

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ROMULUS

Staying sharp

Local barber marks half century as part of the Romulus community

Sherri Kolade
Special Writer

The ambient noise of razors buzzing, the television murmuring, and people chatting away has long been the sound of success for Dave's Barber Shop co-owners Dave and Judy Rakotz.

The establishment, at 37148 Goddard Road in Romulus, had the same sounds going March 1 at the shop as customer after customer received warm, personable service - and expected nothing less. Which is good, because Rakotz, 75, doesn't know how to deliver anything else.

Rakotz, who grew up in the city with a large family, built a house across the street from his shop - before he owned it - in 1968.

At the time he was working in Trenton.

"It was after I moved into it I was reading in a paper in a barbershop one morning and saw an ad with a telephone number about a business opportunity," he said. "So I called that number and it was a barbershop on the corner here."

The owner was retiring and Rakotz bought the property from him in 1975, which is where his current building is housed; in 1988 he added a beauty shop that his wife operates.

Rakotz said in the 50 years that he has been running the shop there are a lot of repeat customers."

He said the philosophy he has lived by these last five decades as a businessman is simple and successful: talk to people and don't talk politics.

Ironically, however, local political leader Romulus Councilman William Wadsworth, 74, is a longtime customer who keeps coming back, and inevitably, politics is discussed.

"I've known Dave and Judy since we moved out here in 1967," Wadsworth said, confirming that he is a regular customer.

The Rakotz and Wadsworth children grew up together, they attend the same church, and they are friends.

"Both of us kind of got old at the same time," the councilman said.

Wadsworth said that the business still sponsors local sports teams and is a big supporter of the Romulus Animal Shelter.

The Romulus City Council members also recently presented a proclamation recognizing Rakotz longevity as a business in town for 50 years.

"A lot of people go there and get their hair cut," Wadsworth said. "They go there and talk about the city, talk politics - it is a barbershop."

Wadsworth added that there is only one place to find out what is going on in the area.

"Dave's Barbershop is the place to stop in … they're just good, decent people. What can I say?"

A customer for about 35 years, Romulus resident Dave Matheny, 73, is also a regular who on March 1 was getting his usual: a haircut.

What keeps him coming back is simple.

"I like the personnel," he said. "Dave and I went to high school - he's a couple years ahead of me."

Dave's Barbershop owner Dave Rakotz cuts the hair of a longtime customer. Rakotz and his wife, Judy, have operated the shop they own for more than 50 years and were recently honored by the Romulus City Council.
Photo by Sherri Kolade

Rakotz added casually that Matheny saved his life one day.

"One day I had a pacemaker put in back in 1983; I was cutting hair and he (Matheny) was over here. I got really weak and passed out. He came over and prayed for me and 911 came," he said.

Nowadays, Rakotz likes to keep the excitement dialed back.

He works in the shop three days a week on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

"For me that is kind of retired," he said, adding that for 27 years he walked to work when he lived across the street. Now the Saline resident drives 50 miles to work.

"It's been pretty good," he said of his business which has been a part of the Romulus community for half a century and is still going strong.

Man facing charges in road rage incident

A Detroit man is facing felony charges following his arrest for a road rage incident that took place in Romulus early this month.

According to the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Demetrius Deshawn Butler, 28, is facing the charges in connection with an incident that took place at about 4 p.m. March 7 on westbound I-94 near Merriman Road in Romulus. According to official reports of the incident, Butler, with two passengers in his vehicle, is alleged to have been driving erratically and menacing another vehicle. The victims were described as a 49-year-old Detroit man and a 25-year-old Royal Oak woman, along with their 8-month-old infant, who were driving westbound on I-94 near Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

Prosecutors charge that while menacing the other vehicle, Butler brandished a weapon and pointed it at the couple's car. The victims immediately located a Michigan State Police trooper in an I-94 median turn and requested his assistance.

The trooper and local law enforcement officers located Butler driving on I-94 near Michigan Avenue and conducted a traffic stop and then placed the defendant under arrest.

Butler has been charged with felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, two counts of felonious assault, four counts of felony firearm, reckless driving and driving while license suspended.

Butler was arraigned March 8 before 34th District Court Magistrate Alan Hindman and received a $100,000 cash/surety bond.

His preliminary court examination is scheduled for March 27 before Judge David Parrott in 34th District Court.

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They work with more than a dozen municipalities in southeast Michigan, including Canton Township, Detroit, Dearborn, Ecorse, Melvindale, Southgate, Westland and Wyandotte and have fixed up hundreds of foreclosed or blighted properties.

Hitchcock said it makes sense to look at the contract now, before any work takes place this year.

"We don't have any 2019 work for RT to do on any new homes at this point, anyway. That wouldn't be an issue until about August, when those would be available from the treasurer's office," he said. "We certainly will be coming back to (the council) with a new contract if it turns out that we're going to recommend that we continue with RT to do any rehabilitation homes for 2019."

Councilwoman Virginia Williams said if Romulus continues some sort of rehabilitation program, the city should model it after the City of Detroit, which matches the rehabilitated houses with first-time home buyers and offers them assistance to purchase the homes.

"There are so many residents in our city that would love to be first-time buyers," she said.

Burcroff agreed.

"Our intent it to get families in homes; if there are different ways to do it, I'm open to it," he said. "We just want to make sure we're creating opportunities."

CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold public hearings at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2019-002/BZA-2019-003; **GFL Romulus Recycling Center** requesting the following in accordance with Sections 20.04(a), 20.07(e), and 22.03 of the Zoning Ordinance: 1) a variance to expand a nonconforming building and use of property; and 2) a use variance to permit the recycling of plastics in addition to the currently permitted paper recycling operation. The subject property is located at 30880 Wayne Road (Parcel ID #80-042-99-0068-000, #80-042-99-0069-001, #80-042-99-0066-703).

2. BZA-2019-004; **Robert Sims** requesting a variance from Section 3.07(b)(3) of the Zoning Ordinance for lot depth to width ratio. All lots created shall have a lot depth not more than 4 times its width. The proposed lot reconfiguration results in the lot depth being 4.5 times the width. The property is located at 10381 Ozga and 37241 Herman St. (Parcel ID #80-067-01-0010-301 and #80-067-01-0009-302).

3. BZA-2019-005; **Charger Logistics** requesting a variance from Section 8.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance for total lot coverage to exceed the 75% allowed; 90% impervious lot coverage is proposed. The property is located at 28800 Highland (Parcel ID #80-050-99-0001-006).

4. BZA-2019-006; **Penske Logistics** requesting a variance from Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance to allow a 386-sq. ft. wall sign on the north elevation where up to 140 sq. ft. is allowed. The subject property is located at 15520 Wayne Road (Parcel ID #80-130-99-0003-701).

5. BZA-2019-007; **Merriman Investments - Gateway III** requesting variances from Section 7.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance for the following: 1) a rear yard setback variance (35 feet required where 10.5 feet is proposed), and 2) a variance to allow total lot coverage to exceed 75%; impervious lot coverage of 83% is proposed. The property is located at 8300 Merriman (Parcel ID #80-040-99-0003-722).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
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CITY OF ROMULUS

RFP 18/19-27 Request for Proposals - Downtown Development Authority - Development Partner for Site Description & Vision

The City of Romulus, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking proposals from qualified developers for the development of residential housing on three, City-owned parcels of land near historic downtown Romulus. This request for proposals is issued by the City of Romulus DDA to choose an experienced and accomplished development partner to serve as Master Developer.

(1) Qualified individuals and developers wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group Page of BidNet Direct at http://www.mitn.info/. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Proposals may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents.
(2) Any and all questions regarding the request for proposal documents, the project scope or the required submittals must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 P.M. local time, Tuesday, March 26, 2019.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN system. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the RFP documents.
(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received.
(5) A total of six (6) copies (One original and five marked "Copy") and 1 electronic copy in "PDF" form of the documents of the proposal must be submitted together in a sealed envelope or package and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The original proposal may be clipped but should not be stapled or bound. Copies may be stapled or bound. The original and copies should be identical, excluding the obvious difference in labeling.
(6) At approximately 2:45 p.m. local time following the deadline for submitting bids, receipt of all timely received proposals shall be acknowledged publically and a cursory review of submittals shall be made for form and content.
(7) The City and the DDA reserve the right to reject as non-responsive any proposals which are not organized and formatted as described in this RFP.
(8) The DDA, during the course of the evaluation process, may request additional written information to supplement and clarify the information provided in this response.
(9) The DDA, at the discretion of the proposal Evaluation Committee, may conduct interviews with some or all of the Developer's that submitted proposals for consideration.
(10) Contracts may ultimately be awarded to the most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus DDA or otherwise in a manner deemed by the DDA to be in its own best interest.
(11) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in proposals received. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus Downtown Development Authority or otherwise in a manner deemed by the DDA to be in its own best interest.
(12) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing purchasing@romulusgov.com.
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Wayne - Westland

Special rebate

Dealership hosts clothing drive

The North Brothers Ford dealership is offering a very special "rebate" to both the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army and the Lighthouse Home Mission in the community.

The dealership quarterly clothing drive will continue through the end of March and the clothing sent to the charities to help those in need in the city.

"It's great," said Shannon Brochu, a sales manager for the auto dealership on Ford Road. "The value of giving is something that as a family-owned company, North Brothers has always instilled in us." She cited the time and talent of dealership owners, Doug and Tom North, and their staff, devote to charitable efforts in the community.

"We do encourage our customers to bring in clothes," she noted of the gently-used clothing being collected at the dealership.

One of the beneficiaries, Lighthouse Home Mission, 34033 Palmer Road in Westland, also accepts clothes, furniture and household items from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We just recently started partnering with them as well (as The Salvation Army)," said Brochu.

"We have one of our employees who's pretty active with the shelter. He and his wife go pretty regularly" to Lighthouse to assist clients.

Lighthouse is with the Full Gospel Temple on Palmer Road in Westland. It offers food, clothing, shelter, job help, and transportation help, along with doctor assistance.

Call (734) 326-3885 to inquire about Lighthouse help.

The dealership sponsors a 5K with the City of Westland to benefit business charities, with a similar golf outing on the calendar, too.

"The food drive is around Christmas time," Brochu said. Many community supporters and car dealership staff pitch in to feed hungry people, with The Salvation Army and some other pantries as the recipients.

"They go under the Christmas tree and we have someone drop it off," Brochu said of the donated food.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Envoy Jim Hulett is grateful: "We rely on generosity of folks like North Brothers. We're very appreciative of that. We're very grateful for all they do," said Hulett.

North Brothers Ford is on the north side of Ford Road, east of Farmington Road and east of Wayne Road.

North Brothers staffers Amy Eastep, Art Naif and Dalton Cejmer recently met in the dealership showroom by the antique green Ford truck. Estep said she was proud to hold the quarterly clothes drive sign.

Local students succeed at 'History Day' competition

Students from Stevenson Middle School placed in the top three of the Regional History Day category recently at the Detroit Historical Museum and will move on to represent Wayne-Westland Community Schools at the State Michigan History Day competition in Bay City, April 27. This year's theme was Tragedy and Triumph in History.

Winners included: Group Documentary: 7th grade Audrea Beene, Jolene Tran Vietnamese Immigration

Individual Documentary: 8th grade Teya Adham There is No Alice Paul, There is Suffrage: 7th grade Brady Isaacson The Invasion of Poland by Germany 1929; 7th grade Savannah Brinkmeier Korea under Japanese Rule

Group Exhibit: 8th grade Alana and Alissa Gildersleeve Marie Curie: A Great Discovery With A Tragic Ending

Individual Exhibit:8th grade Madison Sullivan Omaha Beach; 8th grade Greta Diroff Executive Order 9066: An American Injustice; 8th grade Simon Erickson The Stonewall Riots: Fighting for Equal Rights

Group Website: 7th grade Katrina Luzadas, Abbie Bargerstock Inside the Walls of the Stonewall Uprising; 8th grade Ethan Hjortsberg, Buster Wurm 1918-1919 Influenza Pandemic; 8th grade Alexander Geralds, Michael Boyd The Triumph and Tragedy of the Little Rock Nine

Individual Website: 7th grade Kiersten West The Great Depression; 8th grade Alexandria Cripps Making America

Group Performance: 7th grade Kaylee Remington, Julia Riopelle The Battle of Marathon; 8th grade Karley Chouinard, Molly McFadden, Lydia Marcum Tragedies and triumphs of Anne Franks' Life

Individual Paper: 8th grade Sophia Biber Jonas Salk; The Journey to the Poliomyelitis Vaccine; 8th grade Jaden Tran Fathers of the Planes (Wright Brothers).

Chamber to host annual Business Expo Saturday at Westland Mall

Westland businesses are joining forces to put their collective best foot forward. The Westland Chamber of Commerce will host the Health & Business Expo from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. this Saturday, March 16.

This year, the event will take place the east court of the Westland Shopping Center, at Wayne and Warren roads.

The presenting sponsor of the event is Wayne County Community College District while the business sponsor is Westland Shopping Center. The health sponsor of the event is Michigan Chiropractic Specialists, PC.

"It's a great event that kind of bridges the relationship between the business community and the residential community," said Brookellen Swope, Westland Chamber of Commerce president and CEO.

"We get a good number of vendors and we get a good number of visitors. The mall's a phenomenal venue. They're great partners," she added.

The Health & Business Expo gives businesses the opportunity to advertise their goods and services in a spacious atmosphere. The cost for a table is $100 for Westland Chamber business members and $75 for nonprofit members. To participate in the event this year, contact the chamber at (734) 326-7222.

The expo was offered for about a decade before going on hiatus and coming back within a couple years, said Swope. "It helps a lot of our residents," including the opportunity to meet dentists, chiropractors, and urgent care center representatives. "Our residents actually enjoy it a lot and so do our vendors," Swope said.

The new chamber membership directory and community guide is also available at the chamber office on the north side of Ford Road just west of Carlson. The Westland Police Department across the street on the south side faces the Chamber of Commerce site.

Driver facing criminal charges in fatal crash

A Westland man is facing criminal charges in the car crash that killed a passenger in the vehicle he was driving.

John Henry Johnson, II, 25, was arraigned Feb. 27 before 36th District Court Magistrate Dawn M. White and is facing charges of reckless driving causing death and failure to stop at the scene of an accident when at fault, resulting in death.

According to the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Johnson was driving a vehicle that crashed into the west side of a building located in the 8600 block of Puritan in Detroit. Police were called to the scene at about 3 p.m. Dec. 6 and discovered a passenger in the vehicle, Donald Dwayne Adams, 24, in the front passenger seat, critically injured. Medics transported Adams to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead due to injuries sustained in the crash.

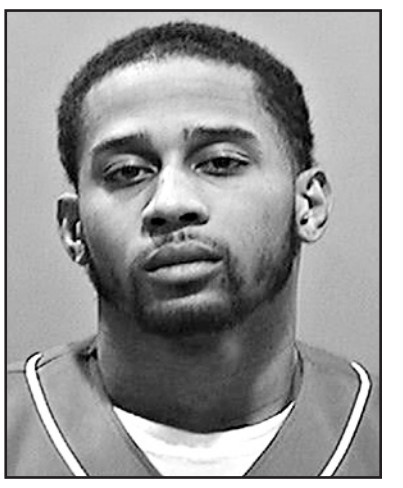
Police allege that Johnson was driving eastbound on Puritan Avenue when he drove off the roadway and crashed into the building.

It is further alleged by the prosecutor that Johnson fled the scene on foot, and left the front seat passenger behind.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Johnson is currently listed as a "parole absconder" from a home invasions first degree conviction.

The probable cause conference for Johnson is scheduled for March 7 and his preliminary court examination is scheduled for March 14. Both hearings are before Judge Ronald Giles in 36th District Court.

Johnson received a $150,000 cash/surety bond at his arraignment.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6. Legal Notices

A probate file is open in Wayne County regarding Jewel Lauchie. Parties of interest should contact the court.

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Notice of Public Hearing

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, MI
Board of Trustees

PROPOSED ACTION: Consideration for the establishment of an Industrial Development District (IDD) for the Schoolcraft Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan
DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, March 26, 2019
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight time, to receive public comment on the consideration for the establishment of an Industrial Development District (IDD) for the Schoolcraft Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

Pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts 1974, as amended, the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees has the authority to establish "Industrial Development Districts" within the Township on its own initiative for public interest. The following legal parcels are included in the proposed Schoolcraft Business Park Industrial Development District:

Parcel ID(s):
R-78-023-99-0030-701
R-78-023-99-0030-702
R-78-023-99-0030-703

The proposed Industrial Development District consists of three parcels of land occupying approximately 31.5 acres and is located at the southeast corner of Haggerty Road and Schoolcraft Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested may attend the public hearing and/or send correspondence regarding the Industrial Development District to Plymouth Township Hall, attn.: Clerk's Department. Pertinent information relative to the Industrial Development District, which includes a legal description, is on file at Plymouth Township, Clerk's Department (first floor counter) and may be viewed during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon one weeks advance notice by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; (734) 354-3201.

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Northville schools plan annual 'Parent Camp'

Northville Public School District is sponsoring Parent Camp 2019 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. The morning begins with refreshments and then more than 20 break-out sessions will start at 9 a.m. The camp is scheduled to end at 12:30 p.m.

Following a brief welcome, Parent Camp participants will have an opportunity to attend up to three break-out sessions on a wide array of topics of interest, led by Northville educators and experts from across the community. Topics include supporting a child's social and emotional wellbeing; helping students balance school and life; cyber safety; time management skills; building a child's reading and writing skills; children and technology; and helping a child transition from middle to high school and high school to college. There will also be a session on vaping and opioid abuse - unfortunate realities in our world today. For more in-depth information on substance abuse issues and teens, Northville Public Schools is hosting a separate educational opportunity, Drugs 101: What's Important to Know, from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 25 at Northville High School. The session is sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

> *New to Parent Camp this year is a session for children in kindergarten through fifth grade called Kids Empowered.*

New to Parent Camp this year is a session for children in kindergarten through fifth grade called Kids Empowered. While their parents attend Parent Camp sessions, Kids Empowered participants will rotate through five stations where they will learn practical skills that will help them navigate challenging social situations both in and outside of school. Parents will also have a chance to attend a related Kids Empowered session through Parent Camp to help reinforce these skills with their children at home. There is a $10 fee for Kids Empowered and participation is limited to the first 80 registered students.

Following Parent Camp, at 12:30 p.m., there will be a showing of the documentary Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope. The movie is 60 minutes and is not recommended for viewers under the age of 16. The Kids Empowered program will conclude by 12:20 p.m. and parents will be asked to pick up their students at that time.)

Parent Camp is a partnership of Northville Public Schools and the Northville Educational Foundation.

The presenting sponsor for Parent Camp is the Michigan Educational Credit Union. Other sponsors include Community Financial Credit Union and the Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James.

To register or for more information call (248) 344-3500.

Township names new communications director

Stephanie Caldwell has been promoted to the position of full-time communications director for Northville Township, according to an announcement from Township Manager Chip Snider.

> *She has taken our social media to a new level...*

Caldwell will work at the general direction of Snider and her position will include multiple responsibilities and comprehensive communications for all township departments. She will be responsible for the design of township display materials including newsletters, posters, flyers, logos, report covers and brochures.

In 2017, Caldwell began her career with Northville Township as a Social Media and Communications Coordinator.

"She has taken our social media to a new level and is involved in all aspects of digital communication, overseeing social media platforms and postings, the township's App and developing a new township website," Snider noted in the prepared news release. Caldwell is working on marketing and branding for departments within the township along with writing news releases, brochures, flyers, public service announcements, and other communications. Caldwell earned her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State. She previously worked in communications for the City of Novi.

Stephanie Caldwell

City OK's police pact

The city of Belleville has ratified a 3-year union contract with the local Police Officers Association of Michigan.

Members of the police union had previously agreed to the terms of the new contract which will be retroactive from Jan. 1, 2019 and continue through Dec. 31, 2021. Terms of the agreement provide a 2.5 percent pay increase for each of the three years of the contract and a $100 signing bonus for each officer.

Several changes in the contract concern part-time and reserve officers working for the city.

The union officers agreed to a uniform allowance at half the rate paid full-time officers for part-time officers and also agreed to payment of an hourly rate at one and one half times the usual rate for part-time officers who work holidays, in addition to the provision for holiday pay. Part-time officers will also now be paid at the time-and-one-half hourly rate if they are called in by management for a shift or time other than their scheduled hours.

The contract also includes provisions allowing for a reserve officer to work to fill a shift if no part-time officer is available for a regularly scheduled time slot provided the officer usually assigned to the shift is notified in advance and approves of the substitution.

Another change in the contract requires that the position of school resource officer be offered for bid to the officers and that the school resource officer hold the position for a maximum of four years.

Approval of the agreement by the city council was by unanimous vote of the city council members.

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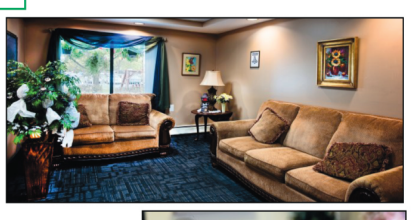

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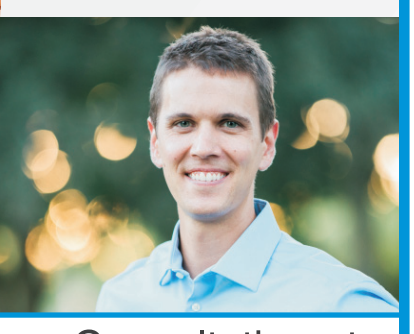

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Calendar of events

St. Patrick's Soiree set

Tickets are now on sale for the Night for Northville St. Patrick's Day Soiree hosted as a fundraising for the Northville Educational Foundation.

The foundation annually awards multiple grants to teachers and programs in the Northville Public Schools.

The event will take place from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road in Northville. There will be an open bar, entertainment by the Shawn Riley Band, Irish dancers, a silent auction, a wine pull raffle a photo booth and other amusements.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.supportNEF.org.

AARP tax help offered

Volunteer tax aides from the AARP Foundation will offer free tax preparation services to seniors at the Northville Community Center through April 12. This service has been offered to the community for at least 10 years at the Community Center.

The tax aides are certified for tax preparation.

Appointments typically take 1 to 1-½ hours. Taxpayers will get a copy of their e-filed returns. Only personal tax returns, not business tax returns, are processed.

Tax preparation is by appointment only, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (248) 305-2851 during business hours to schedule an appointment. A volunteer will return your call with information about required documentation and confirmation of appointment time.

Wild Wings take on alumni team

Mayor William R. Wild, along with his team of Westland Wild Wings, are once again getting ready to lace up their skates to challenge the Detroit Red Wing Alumni in the 10th Annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

The game will take place tomorrow, March 15, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena located at 6210 N. Wildwood St. in Westland. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the Westland Hockey Association Mini-Mites and Mites will take the ice to show off their skills. The alumni pregame fun will start at 7 p.m. and the puck drop will take place at 7:30 p.m.

This event has turned into one of the most anticipated events in the community. Tickets for the event are $10 for adults and $5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and younger are admitted free with an adult.

Tickets are available for purchase at Wild's office at Westland City Hall, the Mike Modano Ice arena and online at https://westland.ticketleap.com/2019-hockey-night/details.

Auto technology is topic

Rob Demmer of Jack Demmer Ford will discuss new technologies drivers can find in vehicles and how to use them during the monthly Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce business luncheon.

Reservations for the luncheon will be accepted through tomorrow, March 15. The cost is $20 for chamber members and $25 for non-members for the March 19 luncheon which will begin with registration and networking at 11:30 a.m. with the program set to begin at noon.

The event will take plae at Embassy Suites, 8600 Wickham Road in Romulus.

Chamber officials said that seating is limited. Tickets and reservations are available at (734) 893-0694 or at admin@romuluschamber.org.b

Mom to Mom sale in Canton

Canton Leisure Services will host the annual Mom to Mom Sale from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

More than 60 booths will be on site offering gently used children's clothing and shoes, plus toys, books, DVDs/videos, baby gear, Halloween costumes, water and swim gear, and more. Bargain shoppers will also be able to find deals on furniture, strollers, high chairs and more in the large item area.

"The feedback from buyers and sellers over the last few years has been so positive that we always try to make it an even bigger and better sale," said Special Events Coordinator Julie Allen. "So many shoppers were impressed with the wide variety of gently-used merchandise at great prices. Everyone looking for great bargains should come to see for themselves."

Admission is $2 from 8 - 9 a.m. and $1 from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All sales are "cash only." There is no ATM on the premises and booth spaces are currently sold out.

For more information, contact the Summit on the Park front desk at (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

Inkster hosts Coffee With A Cop

Coffee With a Cop, a monthly event hosted by the Inkster Police Department will take place at 6:30 p.m. March 20 at the Gracie See Pastaria, 26734 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the police officers in the city.

Chinese Culture celebrated

A celebration of Chinese history and culture through music, song and dance is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23 on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Entertainment will include folk and classical dances performed by Metro Detroit area Chinese schools, vocal performances with solos by Xuan Gao and Shubo Fang, Peking Opera, and Shuping Ma, Italian Opera. The evening will also feature the Peking Opera, duets, and the Canton Philharmonic Choir, Michigan Chinese Choir and March Wind Choir. The show will also showcase instrumentalists on Pipa and Guzheng.

A special Pre-Show Reception is planned for 6 p.m. and will feature displays about Peking Opera.

The event is presented by the Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage and members of the Chinese Festival Subcommittee.

Tickets for the event are $5 and are available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Community chorus presents concert

The Belleville Community Chorus will present the 10th Annual Cabaret performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 7865 Belleville Road.

The Cabaret program features chorus members in solo, duet and ensemble versions of pop, oldies, show tunes and others.

The concert is free although donations to support the chorus are encouraged.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

The chorus includes members from Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and Ypsilanti.

For more information, call (734) 697-1763 or (734) 740-4165 or visit www.bellevillechorus.com.

Church hosts cooking class

A Healthy Lunch cooking class with a live cooking demonstration is planned for 3-6 p.m. March 24. Recipes will be provided.

Topics include portion size, organizing our refrigerator the healthy way and what you don't know will kill you.

The class will take place at Sharon SDA Church, 28537 Cherry St. in Inkster where the Rev. Errol E. Liverpool, PhD is pastor.

Pre-registration for this class is required by March 19.

For more information or to register, contact Adventist Community Services Director Lucy Byrd at (313)293-9753 or lucybyrd2@gmail.com.

Tri-Community Update is topic

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will host officials from Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the City of Belleville at the member luncheon meeting beginning at noon Wednesday, March 27.

The speakers will include Sumpter Township Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley and Supervisor of Van Buren Township Kevin McNamara along with special guest speaker, Pete Kudlak, superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools.

The luncheon will take place at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The cost for the luncheon is $20 if tickets are purchased in advance or $25 if purchased at the door.

To register, or for more information, call (734) 697-7157 or info@bellevillareachamber.org.

Spring Fashion Show set

The Belleville Area Women's Club will host the annual Spring Fashion ?Show beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 at Wayne Tree Manor.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the fashion show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are $40 per person and are available by phoning Chairperson DeLaney Provencher, (734)625 -0919 or from an women's club member.

Wayne Tree Manor is located at 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

Blood Drive at city hall

Donors are needed during a blood emergency.

An American Red Cross has issued an urgent call for eligible individuals of all blood types to give blood to help save lives.

A blood drive is set for 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at Plymouth City Hall.

The blood drive will take place on the second floor of city hall, located at 201 South Main St. in Plymouth. To learn more, visit www.redcrossblood.org [https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=pch] and to schedule and appointment enter sponsor code PCH or call 1-800-733-2767. For donor eligibility questions, call (866)-236-3276.

Garden club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker will be Joe Barton who will discuss Ponds and Water Features.

Light snacks are provided and the meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Museum hosts Ghost Hunt

The Wayne Historical Museum will host a ghost hunt from 8 .m. until midnight Saturday, April 13.

Ghost hunters from the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters will be on hand to oversee the search for spirits in the historic museum building.

Tickets are $20 for a one-hour spot.

For more information, or tickets visit www.facebook.com/waynehistoricalsociety

The museum is located at 1 Town Square at the corner of Main and Biddle in Wayne.

Blaze

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offensive and searched the apartment units," Stoecklein said. "We're very happy with the outcome of the fire considering the conditions we responded to-all people exited and we only had one reported injury. Our police and fire services did a great job responding and containing the fire."

The units were equipped with working smoke detectors, officials said. Stoecklein noted that the complex is undergoing some remodeling and the smoke detectors are one of the first items the building inspectors check.

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